

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC, et al., <p style="text-align: center;">Debtors,</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/> FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC, <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">V.</p> VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY, <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant and Counter-Plaintiff.</p>	Chapter 11 Case No. 20-33948 (MI) (Jointly Administered) Adversary No. 20-03497
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**VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY’S (“VALERO”)
MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Notice under Local Rule 9013-1(b): This motion seeks an order that may adversely affect you. If you oppose the motion, you should immediately contact the moving party to resolve the dispute. If you and the moving party cannot agree, you must file a response and send a copy to the moving party. You must file and serve your response within 21 days of the date this was served on you. Your response must state why the motion should not be granted. If you do not file a timely response, the relief may be granted without further notice to you. If you oppose the motion and have not reached an agreement, you must attend the hearing. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the court may consider evidence at the hearing and may decide the motion at the hearing. Represented parties should act through their attorney.

A. Summary of Argument

The Court should grant Valero a partial summary judgment on its breach of contract claim. The key facts are undisputed: (a) Valero and Fieldwood were parties to a Purchase Contract that required Fieldwood to deliver approximately 10,000 barrels of crude oil a day to Valero; (b) the Purchase Contract was in effect throughout May 2020; and (c) during May 2020, Fieldwood failed to deliver any crude oil to Valero.

Fieldwood argues that Valero's breach of contract claim should fail because Valero did not attempt to cover by securing another supply of crude oil after Fieldwood failed to deliver. The UCC governs the Purchase Contract because it involves the sale of goods. Under section 2.713 of the UCC, when a seller fails to deliver goods, the buyer is not required to cover. Rather, the buyer (here Valero) may instead elect to collect the difference between the contract price of the goods and the prevailing market price (plus incidental damages). In this way, a buyer is protected when the seller breaches in a rising market, as Fieldwood did here.

Accordingly, the Court should find as a matter of law that Fieldwood breached the Purchase Contract by failing to deliver any crude oil in May 2020, and further allow the parties to proceed to fact discovery to determine the amount of Valero's damages.

B. Factual Background

1. Under the Purchase Contract, Fieldwood was to deliver 10,000 barrels of crude oil a day to Valero.

In June 2018, Valero and Fieldwood entered into the Purchase Contract.¹ Under this agreement, Fieldwood agreed to provide crude oil on a month-to-month basis to Valero. The production came from Fieldwood's wells located in the Gulf of Mexico's Thunder Horse field. The delivery point was a cavern system in Clovelly, Louisiana, from which point Valero took delivery by pipeline.² Under the Purchase Contract, Fieldwood was required to deliver approximately 10,000 barrels a day to Valero.³

¹ Purchase Contract, Exhibit 1.

² Id. at page 2.

³ Id.

To determine the price owed for the crude oil, the Purchase Contract utilized a formula that consisted of several pricing components.⁴ Because of the formula, and given the nature of crude oil as a commodity, the value of the delivered crude oil changed from day-to-day.

Critically, the Purchase Contract required 30 days' prior written notice of cancellation by either party.⁵

2. April 2020: Fieldwood makes delivery for April, but cancels the contract effective on May 30, 2020.

In April of 2020, Fieldwood delivered 195,000 barrels of crude oil to Valero under the Purchase Contract.⁶ Towards the end of April, Fieldwood informed Valero that it might not deliver crude oil the following month because of Covid, which Fieldwood asserted was a force majeure event.⁷ Fieldwood failed to explain how Covid prevented it from producing and delivering crude oil.⁸

On April 29, Fieldwood sent Valero a notice that it was terminating the Purchase Contract, effective as of May 30, 2020.⁹ Thus, while the Purchase Contract gave Fieldwood the right to terminate with 30 days' notice, Fieldwood recognized that it still owed Valero crude oil deliveries for the month of May.

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id. at page 1.

⁶ Fieldwood's invoice for April crude oil, Exhibit 2.

⁷ Fieldwood's April 27, 2020 letter, Exhibit 3.

⁸ Valero's April 29, 2020 letter, Exhibit 4.

⁹ Fieldwood's termination letter, Exhibit 5.

3. Valero pays for a portion of the April crude oil.

Under the Purchase Contract, the price for the April 195,000 barrels of crude oil was \$3,090,564.¹⁰ Payment by Valero was not due until May 20, 2020.¹¹ All parties agree that Valero has paid \$988,020 of this invoice, leaving a balance of \$2,102,544.¹²

4. May 2020: Fieldwood fails to deliver any oil in the month of May.

By the middle of May, Fieldwood had not delivered any of its May obligation. Accordingly, on May 14, 2020, Valero exercised its Purchase Contract rights and demanded that Fieldwood provide adequate assurance of performance by issuing a stand-by letter of credit or depositing adequate funds into a designated bank account.¹³ Fieldwood did neither. When the Purchase Contract terminated on May 30, Fieldwood had failed to deliver any crude oil to Valero for the entire month of May 2020.

C. Procedural History

1. Proof of Claim.

On November 25, 2020, Valero filed Proof of Claim No. 709 in Cause No. 20-33948, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, for \$3,118,600.¹⁴ As set forth in the proof of claim, this amount was calculated as follows:

- Valero acknowledged that it still owes Fieldwood \$2,102,544 for the delivered April crude oil.

¹⁰ Fieldwood's invoice for April crude oil, Exhibit 2.

¹¹ Purchase Contract, Exhibit 1, page 2 ("Payment shall be made on the 20th of the month following delivery . . .").

¹² Fieldwood's Adversary Complaint, Docket Entry No. 1, page 8 .

¹³ Valero May 14, 2020 letter, Exhibit 6.

¹⁴ Proof of Claim No. 709, Exhibit 7.

- Applying the Purchase Contract formula, the invoice price Fieldwood would have remitted to Valero for payment of 310,000 barrels in May 2020, if Fieldwood had honored the Purchase Contract and delivered 10,000 barrels per day, would be \$6,801,400.¹⁵
- Because Fieldwood failed to deliver, under the UCC, Valero is entitled to recover the difference between the market price of the 310,000 barrels and the contract price of \$6.8 million. The market price of crude oil in May of 2020 was considerably higher than the contract price because of a generally rising oil market, and the fact that buying oil on the market on an immediate-need basis is more expensive than buying under a long-term contract. The market price of oil at the delivery point in May of 2020 was approximately \$32 per barrel. Thus, the market price for the oil that Fieldwood failed to deliver was approximately \$9,920,000 (\$32 x 310,000 barrels). Therefore, Valero's damages for the failed delivery are approximately \$3,118,600 (the difference between the market price and the contract price).¹⁶

Valero acknowledges in its proof of claim that its damages must be offset by \$2,102,544 for the crude oil that Fieldwood did deliver in April of 2020, for which Valero has not yet paid. Thus, after setoff, Fieldwood still owes Valero approximately \$1,016,056.¹⁷

2. This lawsuit.

On December 11, 2020, Fieldwood filed this lawsuit, claiming that Valero breached the Purchase Contract by underpaying for the 195,000 barrels that Fieldwood delivered in April 2020.¹⁸ Further, Fieldwood argued that Valero could not be entitled to any damages for Fieldwood's non-delivery of crude oil in May, because Valero failed to mitigate its damages by acquiring crude oil on the open market. Had Valero done so, Fieldwood contends, Valero would have actually saved money because the market for crude oil was cheaper than the Purchase Contract price.¹⁹

¹⁵ Id., attachment A.

¹⁶ Id., attachment A.

¹⁷ Id.

¹⁸ Adversary Complaint, Docket Entry No. 1.

¹⁹ Id. at page 6.

On January 15, 2021, Valero answered the suit and asserted a counterclaim—as allowed by Rule 7013 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure—because of Fieldwood’s failure to deliver any crude oil in May of 2020.²⁰ As set out in its Proof of Claim No. 709—and contrary to Fieldwood’s contention—the market price for crude oil in May was significantly higher than the Purchase Contract price. In particular, buying 310,000 barrels of crude oil on the open market in May 2020 would have cost Valero approximately \$3.1 million more than the Purchase Contract price.²¹

Valero does not dispute that its damages for Fieldwood’s failure to deliver in May must be offset by the approximately \$2.1 million still owed for the April delivery. Nonetheless, after this setoff, Fieldwood still owes Valero approximately \$1 million in damages.

3. The parties agree to file cross-motions for summary judgment on Valero’s entitlement to damages.

After conferring, counsel for the parties agreed that, “Valero’s entitlement to damages is a legal issue as there is not a dispute as to the amount of oil that Fieldwood delivered in April and May, and the amount of money paid by Valero for the April oil.”²² Thus, the parties sought permission to decide the fundamental legal issue—Valero’s entitlement to damages—before conducting discovery on the amount of damages. The Court entered a case management order reflecting this agreed approach.²³

²⁰ Docket Entry No. 4.

²¹ Id., page 9.

²² Case Management Plan, Docket Entry No. 6, pages 2-3.

²³ Docket Entry Nos. 8 and 12.

D. Analysis

Summary judgment is appropriate when there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a). As set forth below, there is no dispute that Fieldwood failed to deliver any crude oil in May of 2020, when the Purchase Contract was still operative. Further, as a matter of law, Valero is entitled to damages under the UCC, regardless of whether Valero attempted to cover for Fieldwood's failed delivery.

1. The UCC governs this dispute.

The Purchase Contract provides that it is governed by Texas Law.²⁴ Under Texas law, a contract for the sale of crude oil is a contract for the sale of goods governed by the UCC. *Aquila Southwest Pipeline v. Harmony Exploration, Inc.*, 48 S.W.3d 225, 234 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2001, pet. denied). “Where the UCC applies, it displaces all common law rules of law regarding breach of contract and substitutes instead those rules of law and procedure set forth in the UCC.” *Glenn Thurman, Inc. v. Moore Constr., Inc.*, 942 S.W.3d 768, 771 (Tex. App.—Tyler 1997, no writ). Thus, any common law duty that Valero may have had to cover, is instead governed by the UCC's provisions on cover.

2. Under the UCC, Valero was not obligated to cover or attempt to cover for the failed May delivery.

Fieldwood concedes that it delivered no crude oil in May of 2020 while the Purchase Contract was still operative. When a seller fails to deliver, the UCC gives the aggrieved buyer two options. One option is to cover, by buying substitute goods. Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 2.712. If the buyer elects this option, it may then seek the difference between the cost of cover and the contract price. *Id.*

²⁴ Purchase Contract, Exhibit 1, page 4.

The other option is to do nothing. *Id.* at § 2.713. If the buyer elects this option, then its damages “are the difference between the market price at the time when the buyer learned of the breach and the contract price together with any incidental and consequential damages . . . less expenses saved” *Id.* Thus, section 2-713 protects a buyer in a rising market, which is exactly the position Valero found itself in May of 2020. As set out in its Proof of Claim, and as Valero will demonstrate in the damages phase, the cost to replace the crude oil on the spot market in May 2020 was significantly higher than the price that Valero would have paid Fieldwood under the Purchase Contract.

Whether a buyer elects to cover or not cover is wholly up to the buyer. “*Cover is not a mandatory remedy for the buyer.* That is, an aggrieved buyer need not minimize its damages by covering and not doing so does not bar it from pursuing a market price damages theory.” *TXU Portfolio Mgmt. Co., L.P. v. FPL Energy, LLC*, 529 S.W.3d 472, 483 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2016, no pet.) (punctuation omitted and emphasis added); *see also, Turner v. NJN Cotton Co.*, 485 S.W.3d 513, 523 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2015, pet. denied) (buyer “chose to recover damages for non-delivery under Section 2.713, not section 2.712. That was its choice to make”); *Jon-T Farms, Inc. v. Goodpasture, Inc.*, 554 S.W.2d 743, 749 (Tex. Civ. App.—Amarillo 1977, writ ref’d n.r.e.), *disapproved of on other grounds by McKinley v. Drozd*, 685 S.W.2d 7, 10–11 (Tex. 1985) (a buyer is always free to choose between cover under Section 2.712 and damages for non-delivery under Section 2.713).

Thus, Valero was well within its UCC rights not to cover. Of course, that does not leave Fieldwood without a defense. It can still argue that the market price was below the contract price in May 2020 and, therefore, Valero has no damages. But as will be demonstrated in damages discovery, that is not the case.

Conclusion and Prayer

For the reasons set forth above, Valero asks that the Court enter a partial summary judgment that Fieldwood breached the contract by failing to deliver the May crude oil and order the parties to conduct discovery and present evidence as to damages.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on March 9, 2021, I served a true and correct copy of this document on all parties by electronic means.

/s/ C. Brannon Robertson
C. Brannon Robertson



Purchase From:

(Printed on 06/13/2018)

FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC
2000 W SAM HOUSTON PKWY S, SUITE 12
HOUSTON TX 77042

Contact: JOHNNY DOBECKA
Fax: 713-969-1099

Purchase Contract

Contract number/date
4200144305 / 06/07/2018

Contract Type
Evergreen

Vendor No
525116

Validity Period
07/01/2018 to 12/31/9999

Valero Trader
JORGE PARRA

Telephone
210-345-2273

Contract Administration
KRISTIN KIOLBASSA

PLEASE NOTE THAT VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY'S ("VALERO") CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FAX NUMBER IS 001-210-345-2585. ALL CONTRACTUAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THIS DEAL MUST BE DIRECTED TO THIS FAX NUMBER. VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY WILL NOT BE DEEMED TO HAVE NOTICE OF CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO ANY OTHER NUMBER, AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSSES, COSTS, LIABILITIES OR DELAYS RESULTING FROM CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO ANY OTHER NUMBER.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON 06/07/2018 BETWEEN JORGE PARRA OF VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY AND JOHNNY DOBECKA OF FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC, VALERO IS PLEASED TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING SALES CONTRACT.

TERM: JULY 1, 2018 AND FORWARD, CONTINUING ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS UNTIL CANCELLED BY EITHER PARTY PROVIDING THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF CANCELLATION.

PLEASE REFER TO VALERO'S CONTRACT NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

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***** ITEM 00010 *****
PRODUCT
THUNDERHORSE

SPECIFICATIONS

MEETING CURRENT QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS FOR THUNDERHORSE CRUDE OIL

QUANTITY

620,000.000 Barrel 60°F
APPROXIMATELY 10,000 BARRELS PER DAY.

TOLERANCE: PER ACTUAL PRODUCTION ABOUT 49.5 PERCENT OF NOBLE'S SHARE (BIG BEND/DANTZLER) .

DELIVERY

INTO BUYER'S NOMINATED PIPELINE EX-CLOVELLY CAVERN AT CLOVELLY, LOUISIANA, VIA MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SCHEDULING OR VIA ACCEPTABLE BOOK, STOCK, OR INVENTORY TRANSFER.

PRICE

THE ARITHMETIC AVERAGE OF THE NYMEX DAILY SETTLEMENT PRICES REPORTED PER BARREL FOR WTI (TRADING DAYS ONLY) FUTURES CONTRACTS FOR THE MONTH DURING WHICH THE PRODUCT IS DELIVERED, PLUS

THE ARGUS WTI DIFF TO CMA NYMEX (WEIGHTED AVERAGE) PER BARREL FOR THE TRADE MONTH, PLUS

THE ARGUS THUNDERHORSE QUOTE DIFF TO WTI (WEIGHTED AVERAGE) PER BARREL FOR THE TRADE MONTH

PAYMENT TERMS:

PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE ON THE 20TH OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING DELIVERY BY WIRE TRANSFER OF IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS WITHOUT DISCOUNT, DEDUCTION, WITHHOLDING, OFFSET OR COUNTERCLAIM IN U.S. DOLLARS ON OR BEFORE THE PAYMENT DUE DATE TO THE BANK AND ACCOUNT DESIGNATED BY SELLER, AGAINST PRESENTATION TO BUYER BY SELLER OF ORIGINAL HARD COPY, TELECOPY, OR TELEX INVOICE TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION EVIDENCING BOOK, STOCK, INVENTORY TRANSFER OR PIPELINE METER TICKETS.

IF ANY PAYMENT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FALLS DUE ON A SATURDAY OR A NON- MONDAY U.S. BANK HOLIDAY IN NEW YORK, PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE ON THE FIRST BANKING DAY PRIOR THERETO. PAYMENTS FALLING DUE ON A SUNDAY OR A MONDAY U.S. BANK HOLIDAY IN NEW YORK SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NEXT SUCCEEDING BANKING DAY.

IN THE EVENT OF A BOOK TRANSFER, FOR PARTIAL OR FOR FULL CONTRACTUAL VOLUME, OIL COMBINATIONS INC. OR OIL DISTRIBUTION SERVICES'S DETERMINATION STATEMENT AND INVOICE

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SHALL SERVE AS EVIDENCE OF THE BOOK TRANSFER.

IF APPLICABLE, NET-OUT INVOICES SHALL BE ACCORDING TO THE ESTABLISHED NET-OUT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUYER AND SELLER.

CREDIT:

OPEN CREDIT.

TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS:

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THIS AGREEMENT, TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS SHALL PASS FROM SELLER TO BUYER AT CLOVELLY, LA., AS FOLLOWS:

- A. WHEN DELIVERING ONTO OR RECEIVING OFF A VESSEL OR BARGE, AS THE PRODUCT PASSES THE PERMANENT INLET OR OUTLET FLANGE ON THE OUTBOARD END OF THE LAST VESSEL/BARGE-SUPPLIED REDUCER, FITTING, OR HOSE;
- B. WHEN DELIVERING INTO OR OUT OF A PIPELINE, AS THE PRODUCT RESPECTIVELY ENTERS OR LEAVES SUCH PIPELINE;
- C. WHEN DELIVERING INTO OR OUT OF A TRUCK, AS THE PRODUCT RESPECTIVELY ENTERS OR LEAVES SUCH TRUCK;
- D. WHEN DELIVERING INTO OR OUT OF A STORAGE TANK FACILITY, AS THE PRODUCT RESPECTIVELY ENTERS OR LEAVES THE INLET OR OUTLET FLANGE OF SUCH STORAGE TANK FACILITY;
- E. IN THE CASE OF A BOOK, IN-LINE, IN-TANK, INVENTORY OR STOCK TRANSFER, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RESPECTIVE TRANSFER.

TAXES:

SALES-RELATED TAXES ARE REIMBURSED BY BUYER IN ADDITION TO THE PURCHASE PRICE. IF ANY SALE OF PRODUCT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SALES OR USE TAX, EXCISE, GROSS RECEIPTS, OR OTHER TRANSACTION TAXES, FEES, LEVYS, LICENSE OR ANY CHARGE IMPOSED BY A GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WHICH SELLER IS OBLIGATED BY SUCH GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY TO PAY, OR COLLECT AND REMIT, SUCH TAX SHALL BE BORNE BY THE BUYER. IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PRICE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN SHALL BE EXCLUSIVE OF SALES OR USE, EXCISE, GROSS RECEIPTS OR OTHER TRANSACTION TAXES, FEES, LEVYS, LICENSE OR ANY CHARGE IMPOSED BY A GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY INCLUDING APPLICABLE PENALTIES AND/OR INTEREST (REGARDLESS OF WHEN, HOW, OR AGAINST WHICH PARTY SUCH TAX, PENALTY AND INTEREST IS IMPOSED) BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF, UPON THE SALE, TRANSFER OR DELIVERY OF ALL PRODUCT SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED BY SELLER PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR UPON THE BUYER'S PURCHASE, POSSESSION, STORAGE, USE OR CONSUMPTION THEREOF. IF PROPER EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ARE NOT PROVIDED BY BUYER, SELLER WILL BILL THE BUYER FOR APPLICABLE SALES, USE, EXCISE, GROSS RECEIPTS OR OTHER TRANSACTION TAXES. THIS PROVISION SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

NO SETOFF/NETTING:

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THIS TRANSACTION, NEITHER PARTY HERETO SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO NET OR SET OFF ANY PAYMENTS DUE FROM IT HEREUNDER AGAINST ANY PAYMENTS DUE OR ALLEGEDLY DUE TO IT OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES FROM THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS AFFILIATES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SEPARATE TRANSACTION, UNLESS AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT THE PARTIES HAVE ENTERED INTO A SEPARATE

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MASTER NETTING AGREEMENT OR SIMILAR AGREEMENT THAT EXPRESSLY PROVIDES FOR SUCH NETTING OF PAYMENTS.

PAYMENT NETTING:

PAYMENT NETTING SHALL APPLY ONLY TO AMOUNTS DUE WITH RESPECT TO U.S. DOMESTIC CRUDE OIL PRODUCTS AND SHALL NOT APPLY TO OTHER PRODUCT TRANSACTIONS.

MEASUREMENT:

QUANTITY DELIVERED HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED BY PIPELINE METER TICKET(S) ADJUSTED TO 60 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT OR DOCUMENTATION EVIDENCING BOOK, STOCK, OR INVENTORY TRANSFER.

ASSIGNMENT:

NEITHER PARTY SHALL ASSIGN THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY RIGHTS HEREUNDER WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OTHER PARTY, WHICH CONSENT SHALL NOT BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

WHEN NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE FOREGOING, THEN CONOCO INC.'S GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DOMESTIC CRUDE OIL AGREEMENTS, DATED JANUARY 1, 1993, WITH SHELL AMENDMENTS, SHALL APPLY AND ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

TEXAS LAW AND JURISDICTION SHALL GOVERN THIS AGREEMENT.

THESE SPECIFIC TERMS WILL GOVERN AND CONSTITUTE THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES. IT SUPERCEDES ANY PRIOR ORAL OR WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES INCLUDING ANY PREPARED AGREEMENT BY A BROKER.

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE CONCLUDED THIS CONTRACT WITH YOUR COMPANY.

IF YOU ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS, PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN TELEX OR TELECOPY TO THE ATTENTION OF KRISTIN KIOLBASSA, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DEPT. (FAX # 210/345-2585). IF NO RESPONSE IS RECEIVED WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN SHALL BE CONSIDERED BINDING ON BOTH PARTIES.

REGARDS,
VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY

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Fieldwood Energy

BILL TO: Valero Marketing & Supply Company
Attn: Jill Trowbridge

Email Jill.Trowbridge@valero.com
Phone (210) 345-5812

INVOICE: FW-70-042020
INVOICE DATE: 5/15/2020
Purchaser Code: Valero

LEASE	Production Month	Shelf BARRELS	PRICE	AMOUNT
Thunderhawk MC 698/MC782	04/20	195,000	\$15.8490	\$ 3,090,564.29
Total Due Fieldwood Energy, LLC				\$ 3,090,564.29

TERMS:

PAY BY WIRE TRANSFER ON OR BEFORE THE 20TH OF THE MONTH
PLEASE INDICATE THE INVOICE REFERENCE ON THE PAYMENT

NEW BANKING INSTRUCTIONS

SEND PAYMENT TO:

Account Name: Fieldwood Engy/FWFinco-DBNYSTEFFS

ABA: 021001033

SWIFT: BKTRUS33

Account #: 01482558

Financial Institution Name: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas

Reference: Finco Invoice No.

Attention: Commercial Loans Division

REVENUE ACCOUNTING CONTACT:

Linda Cobb

Phone: (713) 969-1273

linda.cobb@fwellc.com



April 27, 2020

Valero Marketing and Supply Company

One Valero Way
San Antonio, Texas 78249

Dear Mr. Jorge A. Parra,

Reference is made to the Purchase Contract by and among Valero Marketing and Supply Company ("Valero") and Fieldwood Energy LLC ("Fieldwood"), dated June 13, 2018, No. 4200144305 (the "Contract"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Contract.

As Valero is aware, the COVID-19 epidemic has impacted oil and gas operations throughout the Gulf of Mexico and globally. Fieldwood places the highest priority on its and its contractor's employees' health and safety. To best protect its workforce and comply with governmental orders associated with slowing the spread of COVID-19, Fieldwood has moved to reduce or eliminate all non-essential operations and shut-in the majority of its facilities and production. This has impacted production operations related to the Contract.

Due to conditions created by the COVID-19 epidemic and pursuant to Section E of the Conoco Inc.'s General Terms & Conditions for Domestic Crude Oil Agreement, as incorporated by reference into the Contract, Fieldwood hereby notifies Valero that Fieldwood is unable to perform its obligations under the Contract due to an event of Force Majeure, which is reasonably beyond Fieldwood's control. Specifically, Fieldwood is unable to deliver the products as described in the Contract. Fieldwood will notify Valero when the situation related to COVID-19 is resolved and operations can recommence.

Finally, Fieldwood wishes to remind Valero that unilateral changes to nominated amounts reflects and is in accordance with the established pattern and practice of the parties related to deliveries under the Contract.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Brysch at 713-969-1129.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John H. Smith'.

John H. Smith
SVP Business Development



April 29, 2020

VIA FACSIMILE and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Fieldwood Energy LLC
2000 W Sam Houston Parkway S, Suite 12
Houston, Texas 77042
Attn: Jim Brysch
VP - Production Marketing
Email: Jim.Brysch@fwelc.com
Fax: (713) 969-1099

Re: Rejection of Fieldwood Energy LLC's ("Fieldwood") Notice of Force Majeure for Purchase Contract No. 4200144305 (the "Contract") by and between Fieldwood and Valero Marketing and Supply Company ("Valero")

Dear Mr. Brysch:

We are in receipt of Fieldwood's letter dated April 27, 2020, attempting to declare force majeure. We hereby reject and dispute your attempted declaration of force majeure because Fieldwood has not, among other things, established (i) how the COVID-19 epidemic actually prevents it from performing under the Contract, or (ii) that any alleged resulting conditions of the COVID-19 epidemic are beyond Fieldwood's reasonable control and similarly prevent it from performing under the Contract.

We will hold you responsible for any and all damages Valero or its affiliates incur due to your failure to deliver the physical volumes agreed to in the Contract.

Valero reserves all rights and remedies under the Contract and at law. Please provide your response in writing to physicalbulkcontracts@valero.com with a copy to Randy.Hawkins@valero.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall E. Hawkins', written over a horizontal line.

Randall E. Hawkins
Senior Vice President

cc: Johnny Dobecka via email at Johnny.Dobecka@Fwelc.com



April 29, 2020

Valero Marketing and Supply Company
One Valero Way
San Antonio, Texas 78249
Fax No. 210-345-2585

Dear Mr. Jorge A. Parra,

Reference is made to the Purchase Contract by and among Valero Marketing and Supply Company ("Valero") and Fieldwood Energy LLC ("Fieldwood"), dated June 7, 2018, No. 4200144305 (the "Contract"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Contract.

Please accept this letter as notice of termination pursuant to the Term section of the Contract. The termination shall be effective May 30, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johnny Dobecka'.

Johnny Dobecka
Oil Trading



May 14, 2020

VIA FACSIMILE and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Fieldwood Energy LLC
2000 W Sam Houston Parkway S, Suite 12
Houston, Texas 77042
Attn: Jim Brysch
VP – Production Marketing
Email: Jim.Brysch@fwelc.com
Fax: (713) 969-1099

Re: Demand for Adequate Assurance of Performance by Fieldwood Energy LLC (“Fieldwood”) pursuant to Purchase Contract No. 4200144305 (the “Contract”)

Dear Mr. Brysch:

Valero Marketing and Supply Company (“Valero”) is in receipt of Fieldwood’s April 29, 2020 Notice of Termination Letter, terminating the Contract effective as of May 30, 2020, as well as Fieldwood’s consistent communications that Fieldwood will not deliver any crude oil to Valero during the month of May. Valero has thus calculated its estimated damages resulting from Fieldwood’s failure to deliver any May volumes to be \$2,102,544 (“Valero’s Damages”).

Based on the foregoing and other recent events, it is Valero’s reasonable opinion that the reliability of Fieldwood to perform its obligations as well as its ability to pay Valero for Valero’s Damages is impaired and/or unsatisfactory. On this basis and pursuant to the Contract, Valero hereby demands that Fieldwood provide to Valero “Adequate Assurance of Performance” confirming Fieldwood’s ability to pay Valero’s Damages, in either an irrevocable stand-by letter of credit for such amount (in the form and by a bank acceptable to Valero) or through payment of such amount in immediately available funds to the account specified in *Appendix I*.

Pursuant to the Contract, Valero’s Damages shall become due and payable by Fieldwood no later than two Banking Days from the date of this communication. In the event Valero does not receive Adequate Assurance of Performance within this time period, Valero reserves the right to pursue further remedies under the Contract and at law.

Please provide your response in writing to physicalbulkcontracts@valero.com with a copy to Randy.Hawkins@valero.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall E. Hawkins', written over a horizontal line.

Randall E. Hawkins
Senior Vice President

cc: Johnny Dobecka via email at Johnny.Dobecka@Fwelc.com

United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas (Houston Division)

Fill in this information to identify the case (Select only one Debtor per claim form):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldwood Energy LLC (20-33948) | <input type="checkbox"/> GOM Shelf LLC (20-33954) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Offshore Resources NS, LLC (20-33947) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bandon Oil and Gas GP, LLC (20-33955) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldwood Energy Inc. (20-33949) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bandon Oil and Gas, LP (20-33956) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldwood Energy Offshore LLC (20-33950) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldwood Energy SP LLC (20-33958) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldwood Onshore LLC (20-33951) | <input type="checkbox"/> Galveston Bay Pipeline LLC (20-33959) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldwood SD Offshore LLC (20-33952) | <input type="checkbox"/> Galveston Bay Processing LLC (20-33960) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FW GOM Pipeline, Inc. (20-33953) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldwood Offshore LLC (20-33961) |

Modified Form 410

Proof of Claim

04/19

Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense (other than a claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)). Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. Who is the current creditor?	Valero Marketing and Supply Company <small>Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)</small> <small>Other names the creditor used with the debtor</small> _____	
2. Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. From whom? _____	
3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent? <small>Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)</small>	Where should notices to the creditor be sent? Dykema Gossett PLLC - c/o Deborah D. Williamson <small>Name</small> 112 E. Pecan Street, Suite 1800 <small>Number Street</small> San Antonio TX 78205 <small>City State ZIP Code</small> <small>Contact phone</small> 210-554-5275 <small>Contact email</small> dwilliamson@dykema.com	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different) <small>Name</small> _____ <small>Number Street</small> _____ <small>City State ZIP Code</small> _____ <small>Contact phone</small> _____ <small>Contact email</small> _____
4. Does this claim amend one already filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ Filed on ____ / ____ / ____	
5. Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____	

Proof of Claim

Exhibit 7

Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor? ☐ No
☒ Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: 5 1 1 6

7. How much is the claim? \$ 3,118,600.00. Does this amount include interest or other charges?
☒ No
☐ Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. What is the basis of the claim? Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.
 Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).
 Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.

Breach of Contract--Failure by Debtor to deliver crude oil - See Attachment A and Exhibits 1-6

9. Is all or part of the claim secured? ☐ No
☒ Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.

Nature of property:

- ☐ Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.
☐ Motor vehicle
☐ Other. Describe: _____

Basis for perfection: _____

Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)

Value of property: \$ 2,102,544.00

Amount of the claim that is secured: \$ 2,102,544.00

Amount of the claim that is unsecured: \$ 1,016,056.00 (The sum of the secured and unsecured amounts should match the amount in line 7.)

Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: \$ _____

Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed) _____%

- ☐ Fixed
☐ Variable

10. Is this claim based on a lease? ☒ No
☐ Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition. \$ _____

11. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff? ☐ No
☒ Yes. Identify the property: \$2,102,544.00 account payable/contract obligation

12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Check one:

Amount entitled to priority

A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

☐ Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B). \$ _____

☐ Up to \$3,025* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). \$ _____

☐ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$13,650*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). \$ _____

☐ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). \$ _____

☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5). \$ _____

☐ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)() that applies. \$ _____

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/22 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

13. Is all or part of the claim entitled to administrative priority pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Indicate the amount of your claim arising from the value of any goods received by the Debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of the above case, in which the goods have been sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of such Debtor's business. Attach documentation supporting such claim. \$ _____

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

☒ I am the creditor.

☐ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.

☐ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.

☐ I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 11/25/2020 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Nathan L. Mechler
Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name Nathan L. Mechler
First name Middle name Last name

Title Senior Counsel - Litigation

Company Valero Marketing & Supply Co.
Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

Address One Valero Way
Number Street

San Antonio TX 78249
City State ZIP Code

Contact phone 210-345-4122 Email Nathan.mechler@valero.com

ATTACHMENT A

BACKGROUND

In June 2018, Valero Marketing and Supply Company (“**Valero**”) and Fieldwood Energy LLC (“**Fieldwood**” or “**Debtor**”) entered into the Contract, attached as Exhibit 1 (the “**Contract**”). Fieldwood agreed to provide crude oil on a month-to-month basis to Valero. The quantity to be delivered was approximately 10,000 barrels a day. The Contract required thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation.

On April 27, 2020, Fieldwood informed Valero that: “Due to conditions created by the COVID-19 epidemic and pursuant to Section E of the Conoco Inc.’s General Terms and Conditions¹..., Fieldwood hereby notifies Valero that Fieldwood is unable to perform its obligations under the Contract due to an event of Force Majeure....” See Exhibit 2.

In response, on April 29 Valero rejected the alleged force majeure. See Exhibit 3.

On April 29, Fieldwood sent its notice of termination of the Contract, with the termination effective May 30, 2020, attached hereto as Exhibit 4. Valero has always maintained that Fieldwood is violating the Contract and Valero expects Fieldwood to perform or be held accountable under the Contract.

On May 14, 2020, following Fieldwood’s communications that it would not deliver any crude in May, Valero had reason to believe that Fieldwood’s ability to perform its obligations and/or pay Valero for the damages caused by Fieldwood were impaired and unsatisfactory. See Exhibit 5. Pursuant to the Contract, Valero exercised its demand that Fieldwood provide Adequate Assurance of Performance. *Id.* Fieldwood refused to provide Adequate Assurance. See Exhibit 6.

BREACH OF CONTRACT

A valid contract existed between Valero and Fieldwood. Valero had performed, tendered performance, or was excused from performance under the Contract. Fieldwood breached the Contract when it failed to deliver crude for the entire month of May 2020, regardless of its meritless claim of force majeure. Fieldwood’s breach caused damages to Valero.

This Contract is governed by Texas law. Therefore, and because this Contract involves the sale of goods, the Texas Business and Commerce Code is applicable, and specifically, Article 2.

For contracts in which “[a] term measures the quantity by the output of the seller...means such actual output...as may occur in good faith, except that no quantity unreasonably disproportionate to any stated estimate...may be tendered....” Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code § 2-306. Here, the Contract required that Fieldwood would deliver a stated estimate of 10,000 barrels per day of crude. Fieldwood admits that it did not deliver any crude throughout May. While fluctuations are permissible, going from 10,000 barrels per day to zero is unreasonably disproportionate.

When a seller fails to deliver or repudiates, the buyer has two options: 1) cover; or 2) recover damages for non-delivery as provided in UCC section 2.713, which reads: “[T]he measure of damages for non-delivery or repudiation by the seller is the difference between the market price at the time when the

¹ The Contract provided that when not in conflict with the terms of the Contract, Conoco Inc.’s general terms and conditions for domestic crude agreements, dated January 1, 1993, with Shell Amendments shall apply and be incorporated into the Contract.

buyer learned of the breach and the contract price together with any incidental and consequential damages...less expenses saved....”

Valero had no duty to cover, but rather has opted to recover damages for the market price as a result of non-delivery. “[C]over ‘is not a mandatory remedy for the buyer.’ That is, an aggrieved buyer need not minimize its damages by ‘covering’ and not doing so does not bar it from pursuing a market price damages theory....” *TXU Portfolio Mgmt. Co. v. FPL Energy, LLC*, 529 S.W.3d 472, 483 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2016, no pet.). The Contract formula at issue consists of three distinct pricing components:

1. WTI Nymex during the month of delivery (this provides the flat price common to many contracts),
2. The Thunder Horse Argus Differential attributable to the trade month (this is the differential as reported to and published by Argus corresponding to the month of delivery),
3. The Argus WTI Diff. to CMA Nymex (this is a differential. published by Argus to account the difference in timing between the trade month and month of actual delivery).

See Exhibit 1, page 1.

Applying this formula, the invoice price Fieldwood would have remitted to Valero for payment of 310,000 barrels in May 2020, if Fieldwood had honored the Contract and delivered the 10,000 barrels per day, is calculated by Valero at \$6,801,400.

Because Fieldwood failed to deliver, Valero is entitled to recover the difference between the market price of the 310,000 barrels and the contract price of \$6.8 million. The market price of crude oil in May of 2020 was considerably higher than the Contract price because of a generally rising oil market, and the fact that buying oil on the market on an immediate-need basis is more expensive than buying under a long-term contract. Valero believes that the market price of oil at Thunder Horse in May of 2020 was approximately \$32 per barrel. Thus, the market price for the oil that Valero failed to deliver was approximately \$9,920,000 (\$32 x 310,000). Therefore, Valero’s damages for the failed delivery are \$3,118,600 (the difference between the market price and the contract price).

Valero acknowledges that its damages must be offset by \$2,102,544 for crude oil that Fieldwood did deliver in April of 2020, for which Valero has not yet paid. Thus, after setoff, Fieldwood still owes Valero approximately \$1,016,056, plus attorneys’ fees, costs, and interest to the extent permitted by law and the Contract.

Exhibit 1

VALERO
MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY
One Valero Way, San Antonio, TX 78249-1616
P.O. Box 696000, San Antonio, TX 78269-6000

Purchase From:

(Printed on 06/13/2018)

FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC
2000 W SAM HOUSTON PKWY S, SUITE 12
HOUSTON TX 77042

Contact: JOHNNY DOBECKA
Fax: 713-969-1099

Purchase Contract

Contract number/date
4200144305 / 06/07/2018
Contract Type
Evergreen
Vendor No
525116
Validity Period
07/01/2018 to 12/31/9999
Valero Trader
JORGE PARRA
Telephone
210-345-2273
Contract Administration
KRISTIN KIOLBASSA

PLEASE NOTE THAT VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY'S ("VALERO") CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FAX NUMBER IS 001-210-345-2585. ALL CONTRACTUAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THIS DEAL MUST BE DIRECTED TO THIS FAX NUMBER. VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY WILL NOT BE DEEMED TO HAVE NOTICE OF CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO ANY OTHER NUMBER, AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSSES, COSTS, LIABILITIES OR DELAYS RESULTING FROM CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO ANY OTHER NUMBER.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON 06/07/2018 BETWEEN JORGE PARRA OF VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY AND JOHNNY DOBECKA OF FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC, VALERO IS PLEASED TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING SALES CONTRACT.

TERM: JULY 1, 2018 AND FORWARD, CONTINUING ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS UNTIL CANCELLED BY EITHER PARTY PROVIDING THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF CANCELLATION.

PLEASE REFER TO VALERO'S CONTRACT NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

IN THE EVENT OF A BOOK TRANSFER, FOR PARTIAL OR FOR FULL CONTRACTUAL VOLUME, OIL COMBINATIONS INC. OR OIL DISTRIBUTION SERVICES'S DETERMINATION STATEMENT AND INVOICE

FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC
HOUSTON TX 77042

Contract number/date
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SHALL SERVE AS EVIDENCE OF THE BOOK TRANSFER.

IF APPLICABLE, NET-OUT INVOICES SHALL BE ACCORDING TO THE ESTABLISHED NET-OUT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUYER AND SELLER.

CREDIT:

OPEN CREDIT.

TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS:

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THIS AGREEMENT, TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS SHALL PASS FROM SELLER TO BUYER AT CLOVELLY, LA., AS FOLLOWS:

- A. WHEN DELIVERING ONTO OR RECEIVING OFF A VESSEL OR BARGE, AS THE PRODUCT PASSES THE PERMANENT INLET OR OUTLET FLANGE ON THE OUTBOARD END OF THE LAST VESSEL/BARGE-SUPPLIED REDUCER, FITTING, OR HOSE;
- B. WHEN DELIVERING INTO OR OUT OF A PIPELINE, AS THE PRODUCT RESPECTIVELY ENTERS OR LEAVES SUCH PIPELINE;
- C. WHEN DELIVERING INTO OR OUT OF A TRUCK, AS THE PRODUCT RESPECTIVELY ENTERS OR LEAVES SUCH TRUCK;
- D. WHEN DELIVERING INTO OR OUT OF A STORAGE TANK FACILITY, AS THE PRODUCT RESPECTIVELY ENTERS OR LEAVES THE INLET OR OUTLET FLANGE OF SUCH STORAGE TANK FACILITY;
- E. IN THE CASE OF A BOOK, IN-LINE, IN-TANK, INVENTORY OR STOCK TRANSFER, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RESPECTIVE TRANSFER.

TAXES:

SALES-RELATED TAXES ARE REIMBURSED BY BUYER IN ADDITION TO THE PURCHASE PRICE. IF ANY SALE OF PRODUCT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SALES OR USE TAX, EXCISE, GROSS RECEIPTS, OR OTHER TRANSACTION TAXES, FEES, LEVYS, LICENSE OR ANY CHARGE IMPOSED BY A GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WHICH SELLER IS OBLIGATED BY SUCH GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY TO PAY, OR COLLECT AND REMIT, SUCH TAX SHALL BE BORNE BY THE BUYER. IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PRICE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN SHALL BE EXCLUSIVE OF SALES OR USE, EXCISE, GROSS RECEIPTS OR OTHER TRANSACTION TAXES, FEES, LEVYS, LICENSE OR ANY CHARGE IMPOSED BY A GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY INCLUDING APPLICABLE PENALTIES AND/OR INTEREST (REGARDLESS OF WHEN, HOW, OR AGAINST WHICH PARTY SUCH TAX, PENALTY AND INTEREST IS IMPOSED) BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF, UPON THE SALE, TRANSFER OR DELIVERY OF ALL PRODUCT SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED BY SELLER PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR UPON THE BUYER'S PURCHASE, POSSESSION, STORAGE, USE OR CONSUMPTION THEREOF. IF PROPER EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ARE NOT PROVIDED BY BUYER, SELLER WILL BILL THE BUYER FOR APPLICABLE SALES, USE, EXCISE, GROSS RECEIPTS OR OTHER TRANSACTION TAXES. THIS PROVISION SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

NO SETOFF/NETTING:

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THIS TRANSACTION, NEITHER PARTY HERETO SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO NET OR SET OFF ANY PAYMENTS DUE FROM IT HEREUNDER AGAINST ANY PAYMENTS DUE OR ALLEGEDLY DUE TO IT OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES FROM THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS AFFILIATES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SEPARATE TRANSACTION, UNLESS AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT THE PARTIES HAVE ENTERED INTO A SEPARATE

FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC
HOUSTON TX 77042

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MASTER NETTING AGREEMENT OR SIMILAR AGREEMENT THAT EXPRESSLY PROVIDES FOR SUCH NETTING OF PAYMENTS.

PAYMENT NETTING:

PAYMENT NETTING SHALL APPLY ONLY TO AMOUNTS DUE WITH RESPECT TO U.S. DOMESTIC CRUDE OIL PRODUCTS AND SHALL NOT APPLY TO OTHER PRODUCT TRANSACTIONS.

MEASUREMENT:

QUANTITY DELIVERED HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED BY PIPELINE METER TICKET(S) ADJUSTED TO 60 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT OR DOCUMENTATION EVIDENCING BOOK, STOCK, OR INVENTORY TRANSFER.

ASSIGNMENT:

NEITHER PARTY SHALL ASSIGN THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY RIGHTS HEREUNDER WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OTHER PARTY, WHICH CONSENT SHALL NOT BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

WHEN NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE FOREGOING, THEN CONOCO INC.'S GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DOMESTIC CRUDE OIL AGREEMENTS, DATED JANUARY 1, 1993, WITH SHELL AMENDMENTS, SHALL APPLY AND ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

TEXAS LAW AND JURISDICTION SHALL GOVERN THIS AGREEMENT.

THESE SPECIFIC TERMS WILL GOVERN AND CONSTITUTE THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES. IT SUPERCEDES ANY PRIOR ORAL OR WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES INCLUDING ANY PREPARED AGREEMENT BY A BROKER.

CONTACTS:

CONTRACTS: KRISTIN KIOLBASSA TEL: (210) 345-3465
FAX: (210) 345-2585
E-MAIL: KRISTIN.KIOLBASSA@VALERO.COM

CREDIT: ROSA RAMIREZ TEL: (210) 345-2743
FAX: (210) 345-2716

INVOICE: LARRY SMITH TEL: (210) 345-2275
FAX: (210) 444-8513

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE CONCLUDED THIS CONTRACT WITH YOUR COMPANY.

IF YOU ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS, PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN TELEX OR TELECOPY TO THE ATTENTION OF KRISTIN KIOLBASSA, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DEPT. (FAX # 210/345-2585). IF NO RESPONSE IS RECEIVED WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN SHALL BE CONSIDERED BINDING ON BOTH PARTIES.

REGARDS,
VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY

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Exhibit 2



April 27, 2020

Valero Marketing and Supply Company

One Valero Way
San Antonio, Texas 78249

Dear Mr. Jorge A. Parra,

Reference is made to the Purchase Contract by and among Valero Marketing and Supply Company ("Valero") and Fieldwood Energy LLC ("Fieldwood"), dated June 13, 2018, No. 4200144305 (the "Contract"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Contract.

As Valero is aware, the COVID-19 epidemic has impacted oil and gas operations throughout the Gulf of Mexico and globally. Fieldwood places the highest priority on its and its contractor's employees' health and safety. To best protect its workforce and comply with governmental orders associated with slowing the spread of COVID-19, Fieldwood has moved to reduce or eliminate all non-essential operations and shut-in the majority of its facilities and production. This has impacted production operations related to the Contract.

Due to conditions created by the COVID-19 epidemic and pursuant to Section E of the Conoco Inc.'s General Terms & Conditions for Domestic Crude Oil Agreement, as incorporated by reference into the Contract, Fieldwood hereby notifies Valero that Fieldwood is unable to perform its obligations under the Contract due to an event of Force Majeure, which is reasonably beyond Fieldwood's control. Specifically, Fieldwood is unable to deliver the products as described in the Contract. Fieldwood will notify Valero when the situation related to COVID-19 is resolved and operations can recommence.

Finally, Fieldwood wishes to remind Valero that unilateral changes to nominated amounts reflects and is in accordance with the established pattern and practice of the parties related to deliveries under the Contract.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Brysch at 713-969-1129.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John H. Smith'.

John H. Smith
SVP Business Development

Exhibit 3



April 29, 2020

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Randall E. Hawkins
Senior Vice President

cc: Johnny Dobecka via email at Johnny.Dobecka@Fwelc.com

MEMORY TRANSMISSION REPORT

TIME : 04-29-2020 12:06
 FAX NO.1 : 2103452588
 FAX NO.2 : 2103452585
 NAME : valero

FILE NO. : 836
 DATE : 04.29 12:05
 TO : 917139691099
 DOCUMENT PAGES : 1
 START TIME : 04.29 12:05
 END TIME : 04.29 12:06
 PAGES SENT : 1
 STATUS : OK

SUCCESSFUL TX NOTICE



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Exhibit 4

APR. 29. 2020 4:03PM FIELDWOOD 7139691197

NO. 6949 P. 1



April 29, 2020

Valero Marketing and Supply Company
One Valero Way
San Antonio, Texas 78249
Fax No. 210-345-2585

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Reference is made to the Purchase Contract by and among Valero Marketing and Supply Company ("Valero") and Fieldwood Energy LLC ("Fieldwood"), dated June 7, 2018, No. 4200144305 (the "Contract"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Contract.

Please accept this letter as notice of termination pursuant to the Term section of the Contract. The termination shall be effective May 30, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johnny Dobecka'.

Johnny Dobecka
Oil Trading

Exhibit 5



May 14, 2020

VIA FACSIMILE and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Fieldwood Energy LLC
2000 W Sam Houston Parkway S, Suite 12
Houston, Texas 77042
Attn: Jim Brysch
VP – Production Marketing
Email: Jim.Brysch@fwelc.com
Fax: (713) 969-1099

Re: Demand for Adequate Assurance of Performance by Fieldwood Energy LLC (“Fieldwood”) pursuant to Purchase Contract No. 4200144305 (the “Contract”)

Dear Mr. Brysch:

Valero Marketing and Supply Company (“Valero”) is in receipt of Fieldwood’s April 29, 2020 Notice of Termination Letter, terminating the Contract effective as of May 30, 2020, as well as Fieldwood’s consistent communications that Fieldwood will not deliver any crude oil to Valero during the month of May. Valero has thus calculated its estimated damages resulting from Fieldwood’s failure to deliver any May volumes to be \$2,102,544 (“Valero’s Damages”).

Based on the foregoing and other recent events, it is Valero’s reasonable opinion that the reliability of Fieldwood to perform its obligations as well as its ability to pay Valero for Valero’s Damages is impaired and/or unsatisfactory. On this basis and pursuant to the Contract, Valero hereby demands that Fieldwood provide to Valero “Adequate Assurance of Performance” confirming Fieldwood’s ability to pay Valero’s Damages, in either an irrevocable stand-by letter of credit for such amount (in the form and by a bank acceptable to Valero) or through payment of such amount in immediately available funds to the account specified in *Appendix 1*.

Pursuant to the Contract, Valero’s Damages shall become due and payable by Fieldwood no later than two Banking Days from the date of this communication. In the event Valero does not receive Adequate Assurance of Performance within this time period, Valero reserves the right to pursue further remedies under the Contract and at law.

Please provide your response in writing to physicalbulkcontracts@valero.com with a copy to Randy.Hawkins@valero.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall E. Hawkins', written over a horizontal line.

Randall E. Hawkins
Senior Vice President

cc: Johnny Dobecka via email at Johnny.Dobecka@Fwelc.com

APPENDIX 1



P.O. Box 696000, San Antonio, Texas 78269-6000
Ph 800-333-3377 Fax 210-345-2234

VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK

NEW YORK, NY

ACCOUNT #323272568

ABA #021000021

SWIFT CODE: CHASUS33

For the benefit of:

Payment Reference:

Director Cash Management: Shawna Krepps (210) 345-2276

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK
712 Main Street, Floor 05
Houston, TX 77002-3201

CONTACT: Chayonne Johnson 713-216-2837

Exhibit 6



May 19, 2020

Randall Hawkins
Valero Marketing and Supply Company
One Valero Way
San Antonio, Texas 78249

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

Reference is made to the Purchase Contract by and among Valero Marketing and Supply Company ("Valero") and Fieldwood Energy LLC ("Fieldwood"), dated June 13, 2018, No. 4200144305 (the "Contract"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Contract.

Fieldwood is in receipt of Valero's letter dated May 18, 2020, wherein Valero states its intention to willfully breach the Contract and withhold funds not entitled to it. Fieldwood hereby demands immediate payment of the full amount due pursuant to the valid invoice.

As Valero is well aware, COVID-19 is a global pandemic impacting all industries, including the oil and gas industry. As early as April 16, 2020, Fieldwood informed Valero that May production was in jeopardy and that it may be shut-in. This was confirmed on April 22, 2020. On April 27, 2020, Fieldwood appropriately notified Valero that, pursuant to the Contract, an event of Force Majeure had occurred, and that Fieldwood would be unable to deliver products. Astonishingly, Valero denies that the current situation constitutes a Force Majeure event, and that Fieldwood somehow owes it damages. This is absolutely not the case, and Fieldwood owes Valero nothing.

In addition to the Force Majeure event, the Contract provides that Fieldwood may deliver nothing, if there is no production from the specified field. The Contract clearly states that the quantity was "**PER ACTUAL PRODUCTION** ABOUT 49.5 PERCENT OF NOBLE'S SHARE (BIG BEND/DANTZLER)" [emphasis added]. Big Bend and Dantzler have been shut-in, and there has been no production. As such, Fieldwood is not required to deliver any barrels to Valero.

Valero has also demanded Fieldwood supply Adequate Assurance in light of its, incorrect, allegation Valero is entitled to payment, and therefore Fieldwood is liable for damages. Fieldwood is not liable to Valero, and Fieldwood will not provide same on that basis. Fieldwood notes the following language in the Contract, "Seller may, **in its discretion**, at any time request and Buyer shall, not later than two (2) Business Days after request by Seller, provide Adequate Assurance." [emphasis added]. In light of Valero's stated intention to breach the Contract, Fieldwood hereby demands Valero supply such Adequate Assurance within two (2) Business Days. Any refusal to do so will be a further breach of the Contract.

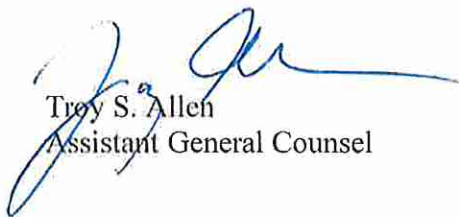
In addition to the fact that Fieldwood does not owe Valero any payment whatsoever, Valero has no right to withhold any payment to Fieldwood pursuant to the very language of the Contract. The Payment Terms clearly state that payment is to be made, "WITHOUT DISCOUNT,

DEDUCTION, WITHHOLDING, OFFSET OR COUNTERCLAIM...” Valero’s stated intention to withhold these funds is clearly in violation of these terms.

If Valero does not release all funds due to Fieldwood as provided in the Contract and pursuant to the valid invoice, Fieldwood will have no choice to proceed to arbitration to collect both the amount owed and any and all attorney’s fees and costs. Fieldwood specifically reserves all rights and remedies it has at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, those provided under the Contract.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 713-969-1086.

Sincerely,



Troy S. Allen
Assistant General Counsel


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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC, et al.,

Debtors,

FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC,

Plaintiff,

V.

VALERO MARKETING AND
SUPPLY COMPANY,

Defendant and
Counter-Plaintiff.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-33948 (MI)

(Jointly Administered)

Adversary No. 20-03497

**ORDER ON
VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY'S ("VALERO")
MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Before the Court is Valero Marketing and Supply Company's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. The Court has reviewed the pleadings, the evidence, the case law, and heard oral argument. The motion is GRANTED. The Court finds, as a matter of law, that Fieldwood breached the Purchase Contract by failing to delivery any crude oil to Valero in May of 2020. The Court reserves its ruling on damages. The Parties are ORDERED to confer and submit a proposed scheduling order on damage discovery within seven (7) days of their receipt of this order.

SIGNED ON _____, 2021.

PRESIDING JUDGE